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Presiding Elder, Springfield District

A Successful District S. S. Convention

Forty-first Annual Convention and
Fourteenth Annual Session of the
Training School of the Springfield
District A. M. E. School Union
Just Closed at St. Paul's
A. M. E. Church

One of the most pleasant and successful District Sunday School Conventions yet held in the Springfield District has just come to a close at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church here where a large attendance of Sunday School workers, preachers and visitors took up the Master's work in a way that marked them "approved unto God" as leaders in His Cause. On Wednesday, the Allen League held their convention, which in every way proved interesting and successful. Thursday morning the Convention proper was opened, under the guidance of the following officers of the Springfield District:

Rt. Rev. L. J. Coppin, D. D., Presiding Bishop Fourth Episcopal District, Rev. H. W. Jameson, D. D., Presiding Elder, Albert R. Lee, District Superintendent, Anthony King, Second Assistant Superintendent, in charge of Secondary and Adult Divisions, Carl L. Watkins, Third Assistant Superintendent, in charge of Teacher Training Department, Miss Allie A. Moore, Fourth Assistant, in charge of Home, Temperance and Missionary Departments and Miss M. M. LaMonte, Sec'y.-Treas.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Business session opened with Devotional exercises. Praise and testimony service. Rev. A. T. Jackson Address, Superintendent Anthony King, Springfield. Response, Superintendent Frederick Haynes, Peoria. Organization: Registration of members of Convention; appointment of committees; election of Convention officers. Reports of schools and

payment of per capita tax. Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The S. S. preparing its children—Elementary session. "Even so it is not the will of your Father in Heaven that these little ones should perish."—Matt. 18:14

Devotional exercises, Rev. A. N. Webb. Business. Training Drill: Pivotal events in O. T. History. Superintendent Carl L. Watkins. The Cradle Roll, the approach to the home—its methods and mission. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis. Winning the Juniors into the Kingdom—pedagogies, curricula, organization, methods. Mrs. Lillian E. Jameson. Business. Adjournment into conferences. Teachers led by Supt. A. R. Lee; Superintendents led by Supt. C. L. Watkins; Pastors led by P. E. H. W. Jameson.

THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION

On Thursday evening a splendid literary and musical program was rendered as a prelude to a very fitting reception to visitors, delegates and workers at the church at which time a large number were present.

PROGRAM

The program consisted of devotional exercises led by Rev. S. B. Jones of Peoria; Vocal Solo, by Mr. Orville Smith; Address by Prof. A. R. Crook; Vocal solo by Miss M. E. Gray of Cham-paign; Instrumental selectie. Miss Ivedell Rogan of Decatur, and a vocal solo by Miss Beulah Mitchell.

FRIDAY MORNING PROGRAM

The S. S. preparing its youth and adults—Secondary and adult session. "Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children." Deut. 4:10.

Devotional exercises, Rev. P. A. Green. Business. Training Drill: N. T. Divisions. Superintendent C. L. Watkins. Preparing the youth in Secondary classes—or-

DOINGS OF OUR WOMEN

By Mrs. L. E. BARKSDALE

The Springfield Womans' Club will hold their business session, Monday, July 2nd, at the residence of Mrs. E. H. Wallace. The Juvenile Musical Program that should have been given June 19th, was postponed on account of the various commencement exercises on the same evening. It will be given at the Union Baptist church, at a date to be announced later. The Club is preparing to give a lawn fete at an early date.

A Class of 16 attended the Dietetic Instruction at the residence of Mrs. Field, 1217 East Brown Street, last Wednesday. The ladies are very enthusiastic in their desire to cope with the high cost of living.

The Women of the Red Cross are making an appeal for more help. It is a mistaken idea that you must pay the dollar and become an annual member of the "Red Cross" before you will be allowed to help us in our sewing. Any one can help, and we are glad and anxious to have you come. The work is pleasant, the ladies congenial. We meet every Thursday afternoon at the Palmer School. We are now sewing on pajamas, surgical shirts and making bandages and compresses. "Do your bit." If you can't send money, send work. Remember it may be your boy that falls on the battle field. Do all you can to make the burden lighter.

Mrs. Daisy Alexander, Vice President at large, of the Womans' Missionary Baptist Congress, spent last week in Danville, and was successful in organizing a Congress of the same kind in that city. The Congress of Springfield and vicinity has been organized now nearly three years. They have done a great deal of Missionary work, and Springfield and vicinity are fortunate in having them. Danville churches are made up of earnest missionary workers and we prophesy a bright future for the congress.

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Organization, pedagogies, methods, Superintendent Anthony King. Preparing the Adults—efficiency methods in an organized class, Superintendent Albert R. Lee. Civic Service through the S. S., Mr. Harry A. Donaldson. Adjournment into Sectional Conferences; Elementary led by Mrs. L. E. Jameson; Secondary and Adult, Supt. A. King. Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM

The S. S. Preparing the masses through its special departments—"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35.

Devotional exercises, Rev. S. A. Hardison. Business. Training Drill: Life of Paul, Superintendent C. L. Watkins. The Missionary Department as an element of conservation, Rev. E. G. Jackson. Winning and assimilating the masses into the Kingdom through the Home Department J. H. Davis. The Temperance Department as a vital factor for preparedness. Supt. Allie Moore. Business. Reports of committees. Election of District officers.

Local Brevities

True to our prophecy June is still working her miracles, and two more weddings are added to her 1917 list. June 16th witnessed the marriage Miss Susie Cecilia Wade and LeRoy Bowman, both young people well known in Springfield society circles. June 18th witnessed the uniting of Miss Ethel Adams, bookkeeper for the Capitol City Tailoring Co., and Mr. Webb Medlock, of 1622 E. Miller St. Mr. Medlock has been a resident of this city for several years, and is well known in church and social circles. She is a member of the Literary Research Club, and the members join in extending her a host of well-wishes and felicitations.

In the words of the poet, "Who will be the next?"

Mrs. P. M. Santos has been the happy recipient of a visit from her mother, Mrs. Kennedy of Chicago, for a number of days.

Mrs. E. L. White and daughter Miss Helen, were hostesses to Mrs. Ed. Curtis and daughter, Miss Leona Gardiner, of Detroit, Mich; at dinner, Sunday June 17th.

Prof. Ralph Bellsinger who has been the guest of Maj and Mrs. G. W. Ford and family for several days left this city for Chicago, June 16th, enroute to his home in Ohio.

Mrs. H. R. Alexander left last week for Danville Ill. where she went on religious business.

Dr. Scott, of Chicago, Grand Medical Examiner for the U. B. F. was in the city last week, the guest of Capt. R. A. Byrd.

Parties having houses to rent, sell, or parties desiring to rent or buy, will please see us, we intend to conduct a reliable honest real estate business and to so handle any business entrusted to us as to reflect credit upon ourselves and the firm we represent. Rogers & Co. 124 So. 11th St.

Mrs. E. L. White is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Ashurst, of Selma, Alabama, who is ill.

Mrs. Fannie Watkins, of Cairo, who has been visiting her son, C. L. Watkins and daughter, Bessie Watkins, in Decatur, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jessie M. Rogers, 905 So. 14 St.

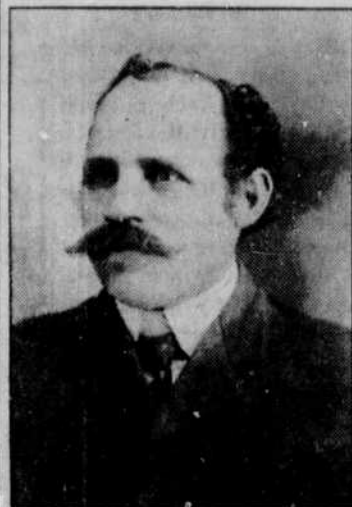
Miss Georgia Osby, of the Armor Art Institute, Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Osby, 200 West Elliott Ave.

Adjournment. Session of Bible Class section. Review of Second Battalion, U. S. Boy Scouts.

Numerous special features were added to the general program of the convention of which space will not allow us to speak this week, but will be generally covered in our next issue. The reports from the various schools showed that great improvement throughout the state can be made by renewed effort which should come as the inspiration from the splendid session just closed.

CO. I GIVES DANCE

About three hundred people attended the annual dance of Co. I, of the 8th Regiment, Thursday evening.



REV. S. H. GIBSON
Supt. Tuskegee Social Center

TUSKEGEE SOCIAL CENTER

Doing Splendid Work in Bloomington Under The Supervision Of Rev. S. H. Gibson, Assisted by Messrs John A. Beck, Geo. Brown And J. D. Templeton

A visit to the Bloomington District by Secretary Mitchell last week found the Social Center work in splendid shape under the supervision of Rev. S. H. Gibson who succeeded Mr. Mitchell last Fall upon the latter coming to Springfield. No city in the state outside of Chicago can boast of the advantages along the line of a Community building beautifully equipped with rest rooms, cafe, soda fountain, dormitory rooms etc., as can Bloomington. In that peaceful, charming little city are some of the largest hearted white men and women to be found anywhere in the state of Illinois, chief among whom are Messrs. J. D. Templeton, John A. Beck, Col. D. C. Smith, Howard Humphrey, Mrs. Soper and Mrs. J. T. Lillard. J. D. Templeton is of the Lincoln type who believes firmly in the principle of justice between man and man. He is a true friend to humanity and as such, makes no distinction when it comes to the Colored man. No man in the city is more liberal in his support to all efforts for the advancement of the Colored people than is John A. Beck. There is no man or woman however, in the same class with Mrs. Soper when it comes to real tangible support for community work in behalf of the race there. Mrs. Soper is a Queen among Christ-like women with a heart that beats for all humanity, whose late husband was one of the noblest and best of God's noblemen. It is with these people at his back that Superintendent Gibson is doing such a splendid work for the race in Bloomington. The educational work of the Loyal Legion Co-operative Educational System will be pushed in that city where a weekly publication will be established as a means of working out the movement there in harmony with the work in other parts of the state. Bloomington must have a prominent part in the coming Co-operative Educational Congress to be held at the time of the Centennial Celebration next year.

The installation of a new cylinder press at our shop prevented us from getting out The Forum last week. Lent with the plant we now have, we shall soon be enabled to get out a first-class paper in our own place of business.

COLORED MAN LEADS.

That a colored man should beat all others to the honor of contributing the first dollar toward the \$60,000 campaign for the Red Cross caused the News-Record to make the following comment:

Springfield today contributed her first "bit" to the \$60,000 Red Cross campaign in Sangamon county.

It was a one dollar contribution and it came from Aaron Lloyd, aged 18, colored porter at the Leland hotel.

"I want to get in on the ground floor. Put me down for a dollar. And I'll make some of my neighbor subscribe, too."

That was his introduction to Rev. Albertus Perry, D. D., of Chicago, general manager of the Red Cross campaign in Springfield. It all happened while Lloyd was shining Dr. Perry's shoes in the Leland basement. Lloyd lives with his parents, 1515 South Eighteenth street.

The campaign proper did not start until noon Friday.

Lloyd is not registered for military duty, not being old enough, but he declared he wanted to do his bit.

"I wanted to get in on it, because I believe the Red Cross will help America a lot," said Lloyd. I'm not making big money, but I want to help a little; all I can. If they'll let me help get money, I think there are a lot of folks among our neighbors that can't give much, but would like to give 50 cents or a dollar and you know that would count."

It will be seen in the opening paragraph that the paper says Springfield contributed her first dollar. It has been a long time since a colored man has been called "Springfield" in this section of the country. Hurrah for Springfield!

NOTICE

Springfield, Ill., May 1, 1917.
To the Sunday Schools of the Wood River S. S. Convention:

I do earnestly solicit your aid in getting articles of Home-made Fancy Work for the Art Department. Any hand-made Article you bring or send will be very much appreciated by the Ladies of the Art Department. The Sunday School bringing in the largest number of hand-made Articles valuing 25 cents each will be awarded the beautiful banner for the period of one (1) year.

The money raised by this Department will be appropriated for the Aged Ministers Widows and Orphans Home.

Boosting Committee: The Lady bringing in the largest amount of money over ten dollars will receive a beautiful gold medal.

We do earnestly hope that the Sunday Schools throughout the jurisdiction will feel their duty to labor earnestly in making this the banner year.

I remain yours for the good of the Cause.

Hattie B. McTier, Pres.
1525 E. Carpenter St.
Susie Johnson, Sec.

There will be approximately 80,000 colored men in the drafted army, with 1200 officers ranging from lieutenants to colonel.